

CSWC Operational Period Summary

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Lightning over the Mission District in San Francisco on 02/28/15
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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Homeland Security Funding Drama Darkens U.S. Fiscal Outlook

(Reuters) Congress narrowly averted a partial shutdown of the U.S. domestic security agency late on Friday night, but the forces behind the chaotic episode remain - fractious Republicans and House Speaker John Boehner's lack of control over them. That may portend more serious trouble ahead as Washington confronts fiscal challenges on a grander scale. In five to seven months, the federal debt ceiling will again be reached, and by October Congress must pass spending bills to keep the government running in the new fiscal year. Failing to deal effectively with these issues could have much more damaging repercussions - such as a broad government shutdown or a debt default - than a partial shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). What happens between now and then, including the handling of a one-week extension of Homeland Security funding, will be crucial. The House rejected a three-week funding extension for the agency when conservatives rebelled because the bill did not block Obama's executive orders on immigration. On a second try late in the evening, House Democrats provided the votes to pass a one-week extension.

Fugitive American Minister Caught in Brazil

(CNN) Victor Arden Barnard, an American pastor wanted for 59 counts of sexual assaults in Minnesota, was arrested by Brazilian authorities on Friday, the office of the governor for the State of Rio Grande do Norte said Saturday. The 53-year-old suspect was wanted by the Pine County, Minnesota, Sheriff's Office for allegedly sexually abusing two young girls who were members of his church, the U.S Marshals Service said. Barnard -- who was featured on CNN's "The Hunt With John Walsh" in 2014 and again earlier this week -- was last seen in the United States in Raymond, Washington, in 2014. In April of that year, prosecutors in Pine County, Minnesota, issued a criminal complaint that accused him of 59 felony counts of criminal sexual conduct. The manhunt began after a two-year investigation into allegations from two women about Barnard's alleged conduct while he was preaching to a religious group in Finlayson, Minnesota. Barnard was featured on the United States Marshal's 15 Most Wanted List along with a \$25,000 reward for information leading to his arrest. He was also wanted for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. A 33-year-old woman was also arrested, Brazilian authorities said.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

UN: Iraq Violence Kills at Least 1,100 in February

(AP) The U.N. mission to Iraq said Sunday that violence claimed the lives of at least 1,100 Iraqis in February, including more than 600 civilians. The U.N. Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) said in a statement that 611 civilians were among 1,103 people killed last month, with the rest hailing from the security forces. It said at least 2,280 people were wounded, including 1,353 civilians. January's death toll was at least 1,375. The most violent city was the capital Baghdad, with 329 civilians killed and 875 wounded, it said. The U.N. numbers do not include the third of the country held by the Islamic State extremist group. The Islamic State extremist group and other Sunni insurgents seized control of much of western and northern Iraq last year. According to UNAMI, last year was the deadliest in Iraq since the peak of the country's sectarian conflict in 2006-2007, with a total of 12,282 people killed and 23,126 wounded.

Alaska Flights Canceled over Ash from Russian Volcano

(CNN) A volcano in Russia led to the cancellation of flights in Alaska over the weekend. "We canceled two roundtrip flights between Anchorage and Bethel, and Anchorage and Nome after an advisory of low visibility," Alaska Airlines spokeswoman Halley Knigge said. Ash from Russia's Shiveluch volcano was the culprit behind the flight disruptions Saturday, said Jeff Freymueller, a scientist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory. The volcano erupted Friday, shooting ash into the atmosphere some 30,000 feet. Winds blew the ash cloud across the Bering Sea and into western Alaska, Freymueller said. Shiveluch, which has been erupting consistently, caused a similar incident in January, he said. The airline will only operate flights when it's safe to do so and will not fly into areas of reported ash. Alaska Airlines was uncertain if additional flights would be canceled, but said it's monitoring the situation. Three volcanoes are erupting on Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula: Shiveluch, Klyuchevskoy and Karymsky.

Thousands to March in Moscow to Mourn Slain Boris Nemtsov

(AP) Thousands are expected to march through central Moscow to mourn veteran liberal politician Boris Nemtsov, whose killing has shaken Russia's beleaguered opposition. The mourning march could serve to energize the opposition or it could prove to be a brief outpouring of emotions that once again dissipate. Whoever was responsible for the murder, the signal it sends to President Vladimir Putin's foes is that if Nemtsov can be killed for his political activism then no one is safe. Opposition activists had planned a protest rally on Sunday, which the city demanded they hold in a suburban neighborhood. After Nemtsov's death, they called instead for a demonstration to mourn him in central Moscow. The city gave its quick approval. The mourners are to march to the bridge where Nemtsov was gunned down.

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Weather of Concern

- A cold low pressure system moving into California through Monday could bring snow to elevations as low as 4500 feet which could affect travel through the mountains and passes of San Diego, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.
- A Freeze Warning is in effect until 0900 hours this morning for Mendocino Interior. Sub-freezing temperatures are imminent or highly likely and these conditions will kill crops and other sensitive vegetation.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Dry conditions are expected today ahead of the next approaching weak system. There will be a slight chance for showers late tonight through Monday as an upper level system slides down the West Coast. High pressure will build over the West Coast Tuesday through the weekend resulting in a gradual warming trend and dry conditions.

Medford Weather:

Dry weather with clear skies is expected today. A few high clouds will move in from the northwest but it will remain sunny. Light showers are possible along the north facing slopes of the Siskiyou and the west facing slopes of the Cascades with a north to northwest upper flow Monday evening; otherwise, it will be dry with decreasing clouds. A dry north to northwest flow continues Tuesday and conditions will remain dry with mostly clear skies.

Reno Weather:

Snow showers will continue today, mainly south of Highway 50, as low pressure tracks south through California. A weaker system is expected to bring a few more light snow showers on Monday with continued below normal temperatures. Dry conditions and a warming trend are expected later next week.

San Francisco Weather:

A few lingering showers will persist into this morning, mainly in Monterey and San Benito Counties. Another weak system will bring additional shower chances to the area on Monday. Warmer and drier weather is expected by midweek.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

There will be lingering showers along the Sierra Crest this morning; otherwise, today will be dry with breezy northerly winds in the afternoon. A second wave of wet weather arrives on Monday with possible thunderstorms and light mountain snow. Drier and warmer weather expected Tuesday onward.

Hanford Weather:

A pair of storm systems tracking south into Central California will bring cool, wet weather to much of the region through Tuesday. Dry and warmer weather returns on Wednesday with patchy valley fog possible.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A cold upper low will slowly move over Southern California bringing periods of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Snow will fall as low as 4000 feet. This low will persist over the area through early Monday before exiting. A weaker storm system will follow on its heels later Monday allowing for lingering showers into early Tuesday. Dry and warmer weather is expected late Tuesday through Friday.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

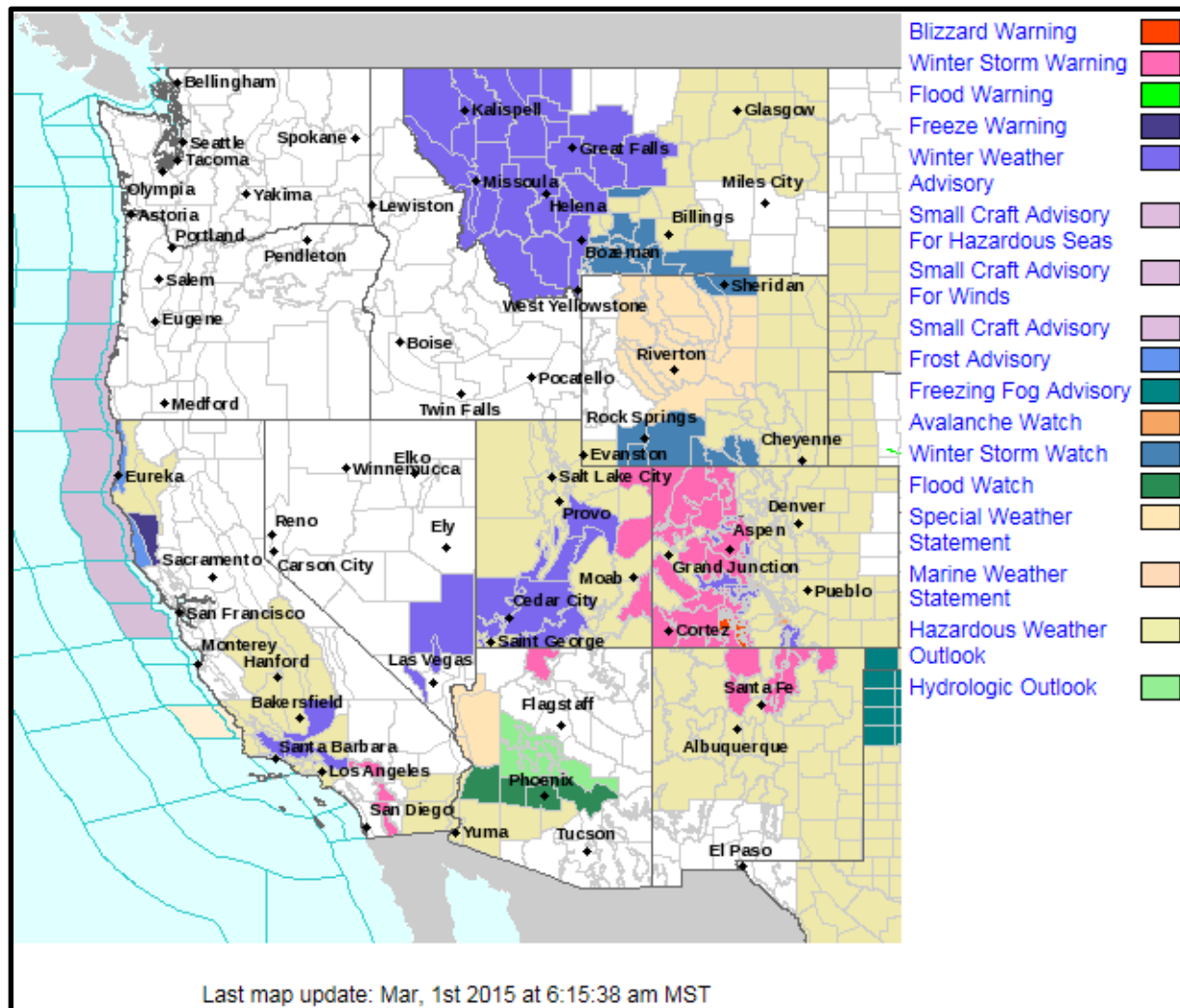
A cold low pressure system centered just north of Point Conception will move very slowly southward today, and then move eastward tonight and Monday across Southern California as it weakens. This will continue periods of showers into Monday with a slight chance of thunderstorms for tonight into Monday. A second low pressure system tracking southward farther off the coast could continue the chance of showers for coastal areas for Monday night into Tuesday. For Wednesday through Saturday, dry weather with a warming trend under high pressure is expected for the region.

Southeast California Weather:

Low pressure will continue a slow approach of the forecast area bringing moisture into the region along with increasing chances of showers today and Monday. Periods of heavy rain are possible at times, especially tonight through Monday afternoon. Cooler temperatures will also accompany this storm with below normal readings expected Monday through midweek. A return to above normal temperatures is likely by late week.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.